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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, ASEC, AR

SUBJECT: GOA RELEASE OF TERRORIST

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1483; LIMA 1799; STATE 46574, 48632

1. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ANZORREGUY-SCHNEIDER CASE REQUIRE PROMPT CLARIFICATION. WE ARE MUCH DISTURBED BY WHAT ON THE SURFACE APPEARS AS A DISCONCERTING CONTRAST IN THE APPROACH BY GOA AUTHORITIES TO THIS CASE WITH THE POSITION THEY ADOPTED IN THE EGAN CASE.

2. WE SUSPECT CARDINAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT GOA HAD SCHNEIDER IN ITS CUSTODY AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS ALLOWING HIM TO CHOOSE EXILE MADE HIS RELEASE COMPARATIVELY EASY FOR THE GOA AND NOT A "NEGOTIATION" WITH ANZORREGUY'S CAPTORS. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE FOUR OR FIVE OR SEVEN TERRORISTS WHOSE "SHOWING" WAS DEMANDED FOR EGAN'S RELEASE WERE NOT ALL IN THE GOA'S CUSTODY, THAT THEY WERE DEAD OR OTHERWISE UNACCOUNTABLE FOR. WE DEDUCE THIS IS POINT  
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MONTONEROS WISHED TO FORCE THE GOA TO MAKE.

3. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE DISTURBED BY THE RIGID POSITION  
ADOPTED BY VIGNES ON FEBRUARY 28 AND WE REPEAT OUR REQUEST

FOR THE FULL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS. WIRE SERVICE QUOTED HIM  
AS SAYING, "THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE  
WITH EXTREMIST GROUPS". WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE ARGENTINE  
GOVERNMENT AT NO TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ISSUED THE PUBLIC  
STATEMENT THAT BOTH VIGNES AND ORFILA ASSURED US IT WOULD  
ISSUE, THAT IT DID NOT HAVE THE TERRORIST PRISONERS IN  
ITS CUSTODY THAT EGAN'S CAPTORS DEMANDED BE PRODUCED.

4. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE IN RECONCILING  
GOA'S POSITION IN THESE TWO CASES, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO  
MAKE KNOWN OUR CONCERN AT A HIGH LEVEL IN THE ARGENTINE  
GOVERNMENT. IN SO DOING YOU SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBTS THAT  
WE LOOK TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AS BEING RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN ARGENTINA AND THAT WE WOULD  
HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING ANY INDICATION THAT THE CON-  
SIDERATION AND CONCERN OF THE GOA FOR OUR CITIZENS IN  
ARGENTINA IS IN ANY WAY LESS THAN THAT SHOWN FOR OTHERS.  
YOU SHOULD REQUEST AN EXPLANATION FOR THE PERPLEXING  
VARIANCE IN THE GOA'S APPROACH TO THESE TWO CASES.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF YOUR INQUIRY. INGERSOLL

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